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The reply brief filed October 1, 2001, has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

As stated in MPEP § 1208.03, the acknowledgment of receipt and entry of a reply brief under 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) is a proper indication by the examiner that no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary. Appellants' arguments have been previously and sufficiently addressed in the Examiner's Answer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Keith Hendricks whose telephone number is (703) 308-2959.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano, can be reached at (703) 308-3959. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3602.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.


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